

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Girl Scouts of Alaska****Federal Tax ID: 926000179****Project Title:****Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

Girl Scouts of Alaska - Singing Hills Facility on Edmonds Lake Reconstruction

State Funding Requested: \$2,113,898**House District: 16 / H**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Rebuild cabin on Edmonds Lake that was destroyed in 2009 by arson. Girl Scouts of Alaska plans to better utilize our Chugiak property for year-round Girl Scout leadership programming.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost: \$2,198,259

Funding Already Secured: (\$84,361)

FY2012 State Funding Request: (\$2,113,898)

Project Deficit: \$0

*Funding Details:**Pro-bono design, surveying, geo-technical investigation and site planning are secured.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Girl Scouts of Alaska has camp property located on Edmonds Lake adjacent to Boy Scouts Camp Carlquist, off Paradise Lane in Chugiak. The Girl Scouts' cabin burned to the ground in the summer of 2009, a victim of arson.

Girl Scouts of Alaska is requesting assistance from the State of Alaska through a designated legislative grant to rebuild a facility capable of housing troops of girls for year-round leadership development and camp programs.

Girls who want to make the world a better place join Girl Scouts of Alaska for new experiences and adventure. At Girl Scouts we give girls what they need in ways they want:

*The Girl Scout Leadership Experience produces measurable outcomes in which girls discover the leader in themselves. They develop a strong sense of self, develop positive values, gain practical life skills, seek challenges in the world, and develop critical thinking.

*Girls connect with others. They develop healthy relationships, promote cooperation and team building, can resolve conflicts, advance diversity in a multicultural world, and feel connected to their communities, locally and globally.

*Girls take action to make the world a better place. Girls in Girl Scouts can identify community needs, are resourceful problem solvers, advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally, educate and inspire others to act, and feel empowered to make a difference in the world.

*Girl Scouts of Alaska recently conducted surveys and focus groups with girls across Alaska (Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts). Girls affirmed for us that they want: meaningful programs – especially travel, outdoor activities and service projects, and they stated that they need supportive adult relationships and collaborative planning.

SCIENCE AND OUTDOORS CENTER

The proposed Girl Scouts' facility at Singing Hills will be a program and leadership development center for girls from across the state to work together to discover, connect, and take action. Outdoor education and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) will be the program focuses for the Singing Hills facility. Strides have been made, but men still outnumber women (73 percent vs 27 percent) in overall employment in science and engineering. Lack of encouragement in STEM subjects in school, salary differences and bias in hiring and advancement and life/work balance are some of the challenges women face in these fields. That's why Girl Scouts of Alaska puts an emphasis on science in ways that girls want to receive it. Girl Scouts of Alaska hosts several science events a month and for 6 months of the year we train and support volunteer coaches for Girl Scouts Robotics teams as they team-build, learn, and compete in Lego robotics challenges. Girl Scouts has on staff a STEM Program Manager as well as a Travel and Outdoors Specialist. What we lack is the facility to deliver regular programming for girls.

DAY CAMP FACILITY

Singing Hills will host Girl Scouts Day Camp. Our day campers include multiple ethnicity groups, a range of socio-economic backgrounds and wide ranging abilities. Our camper population is typically characterized by high diversity and low family income. Girl Scouts of Alaska provides every girl the opportunity to attend camp through financial assistance up to the full amount of the camp fee and we highly encourage girls from the neighboring community to apply for a session at camp. Girl Scouts has collaborated with Anchorage School District's Partners in Homeless Education for several years. We have worked closely with the staff of PIHE to offer girls within their program the opportunity to attend camp. The PIHE staff was the liaison between camp and the families ensuring that the families had all the information concerning camp and assisted with completing registration and financial assistance forms. Girl Scouts provided funding in the form of financial assistance as well as transportation to and from camp.

TROOP CAMP, TRAINING & RETREAT CENTER

Girls from the Elmendorf, Ft. Richardson, Chugiak, Peters Creek, and Eagle River areas are the most affected by the arson property loss. The Singing Hills troop camp was used by troops serving girls from kindergarten to seniors in high school, and had been in service since the 1960's. The proposed Singing Hills facility will have the capacity to host two troops of girls and chaperones on a reservation basis. Currently there is no appropriate year-round cost-effective facility for Girl Scout troops to stay in when they visit from outside of Anchorage. Girl Scouts of Alaska now serves most of the state, from the 63rd parallel south and partners with the northern Girl Scouts. As such, we encourage intra-state exchange and travel between girls of rural and urban communities. Girl Scouts will also use the facility for our statewide Adult Learning Summit for volunteers and Board of Directors and membership meetings, trainings, and retreats, avoiding expensive hotel lodging. When the facility is not in use by Girl Scouts, it will be available to rent to other non-profit user groups as a residential retreat and training center.

Project Timeline:

Survey and Geotechnical Investigation - spring 2011

Girl camp master plan input - June 2011

Build - summer 2011

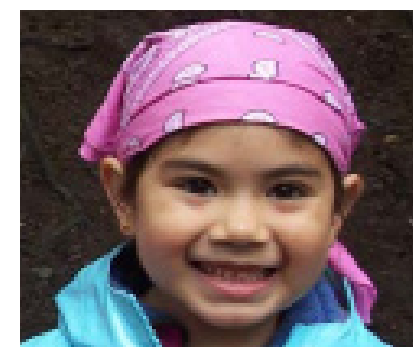
Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Girl Scouts of Alaska

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

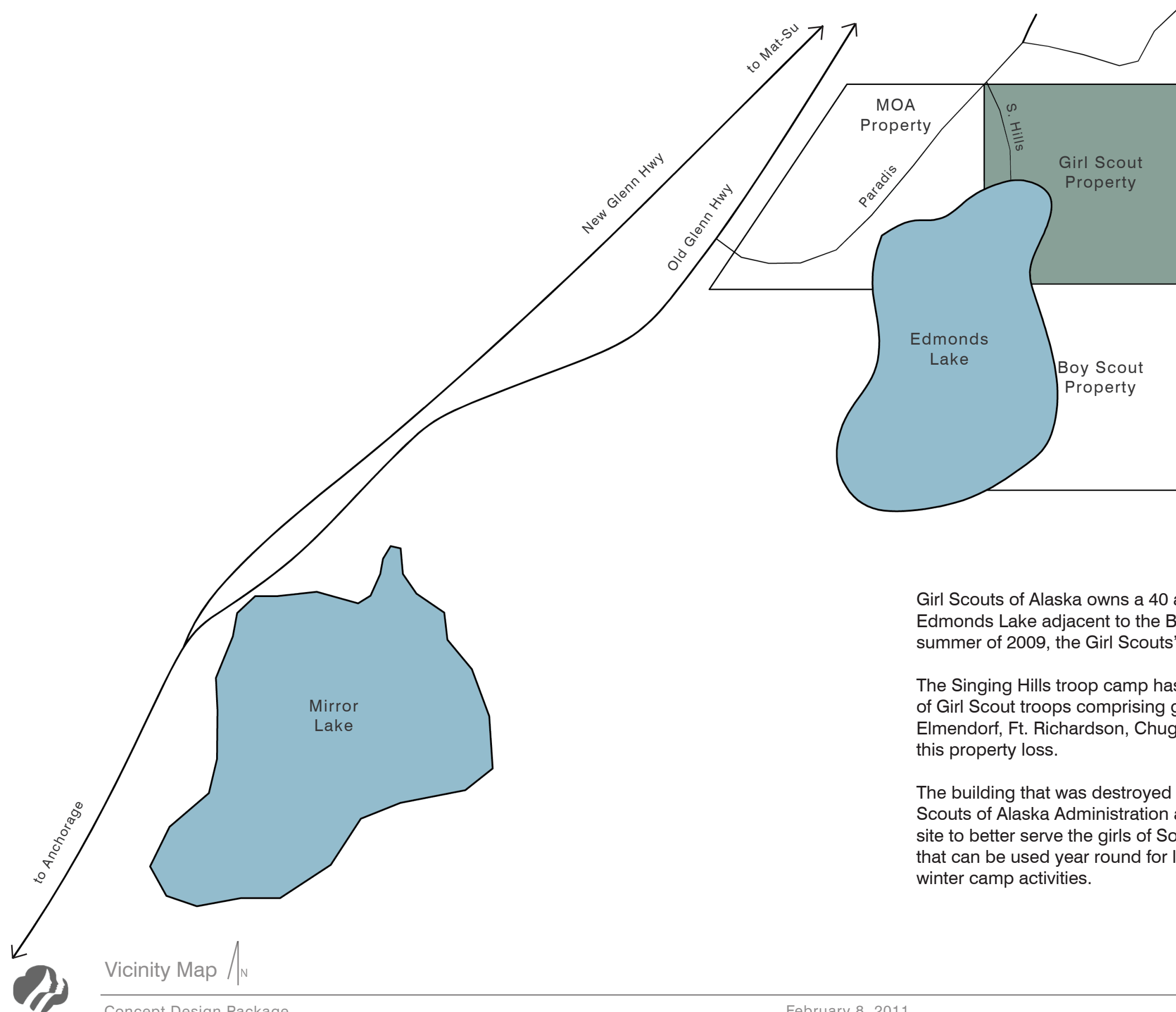


SINGING HILLS RETREAT

Girl Scouts of Alaska



Concept Design Package
by RIM Architects . RIM First People
February 8, 2011

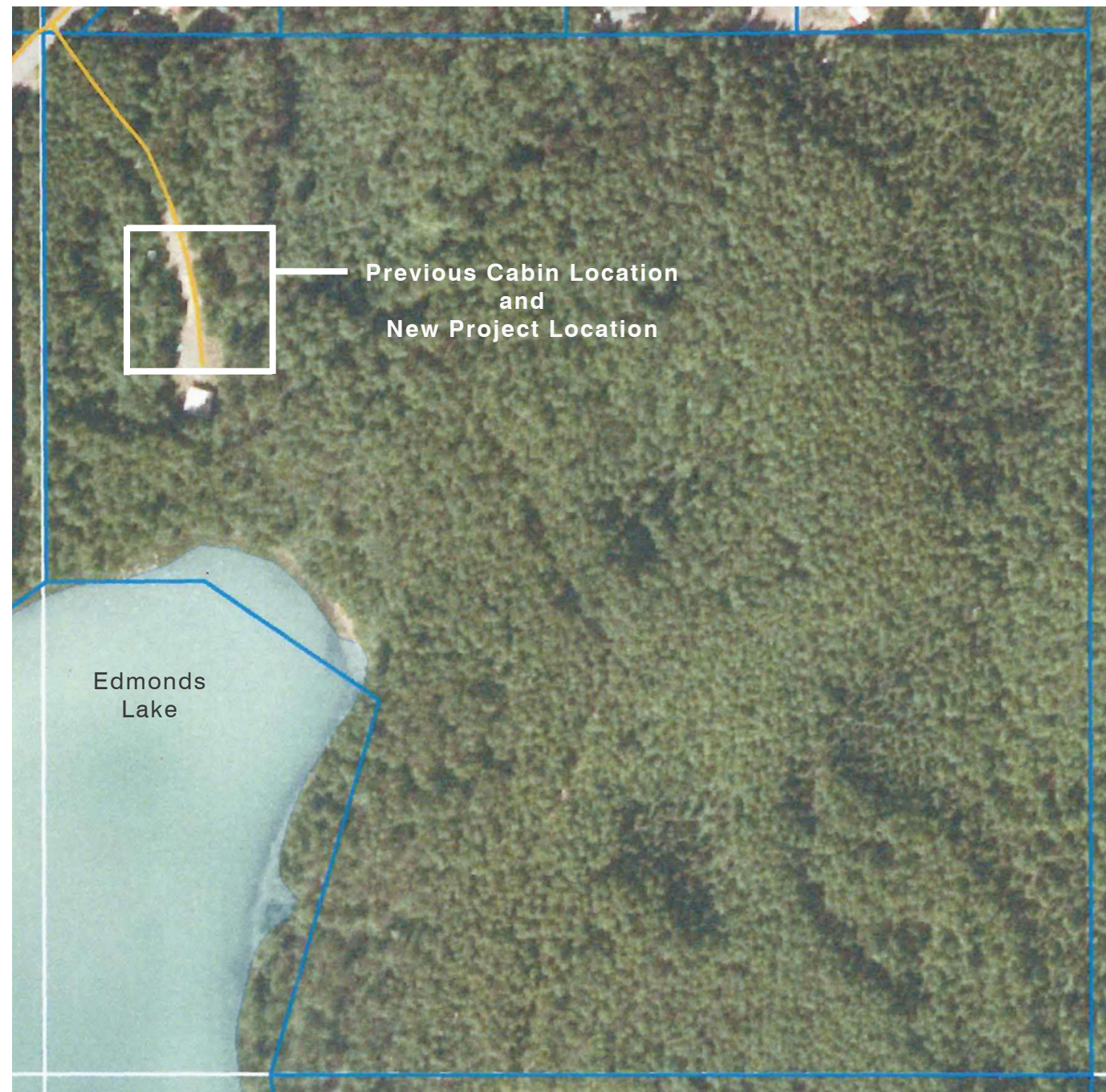


Girl Scouts of Alaska owns a 40 acre camp property in Chugiak, District 16. It is located on Edmonds Lake adjacent to the Boy Scouts' Camps Gorsuch and Carlquist, off Paradis Lane. In the summer of 2009, the Girl Scouts' cabin was burned to the ground by unknown vandals.

The Singing Hills troop camp has been a popular destination since the 1960s, serving thousands of Girl Scout troops comprising girls from kindergarten to seniors in high school. Girls from the Elmendorf, Ft. Richardson, Chugiak, Peters Creek, and Eagle River areas are the most affected by this property loss.

The building that was destroyed was a simple one room structure, but since last summer the Girl Scouts of Alaska Administration and Board have taken time to explore the potential uses of this site to better serve the girls of Southcentral Alaska. We propose to construct an upgraded facility that can be used year round for leadership training, retreats, and seminars as well as summer and winter camp activities.

Project Introduction



Girl Scouts of Alaska Background

Girl Scouts have been active in our state since well before statehood, serving thousands of girls each year and growing self-confident leaders for our community. The Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place and we are committed to our mission.

Participation in Girl Scouts offers the development of leadership skills and career exploration programs for girls. Girl Scouts creates opportunities for girls to discover their values, develop life skills and a strong sense of self as they explore the world. We teach girls to feel connected to their communities as they learn cooperation and team building. As a result, girls become problem solvers who can identify community needs and take action.

The Role of Camp in Positive Youth Development Camps are uniquely positioned to provide leadership development outcomes for young people. They are intentional, youth-focused communities that offer the kinds of experiences that research has shown are critical to adolescents eventually becoming successful, productive adults.

Concept Package and Building Program

This Concept Design Package depicts a new facility at Singing Hills retreat. The proposed new facility will house 20-40 people and will include the following components:

- Main Gathering/Dining space
- Kitchen facility
- 10 Bedrooms to sleep 20 - 40 people
- Indoor Restroom and Shower facilities
- Storage
- 2 small Offices
- Covered, screened Porch

The facility would not only be available for use by Alaskan Girl Scouts but also for retreats, meetings and activities held by other non profit organizations. The facility will be sited on the property where the burned structure previously stood. Some selective clearing will be necessary to accommodate additional. To ensure the sustainability of the project and of the surrounding watershed, the site plan also includes the development of a septic system and well.

The total project cost is based on construction during the summer of 2011.

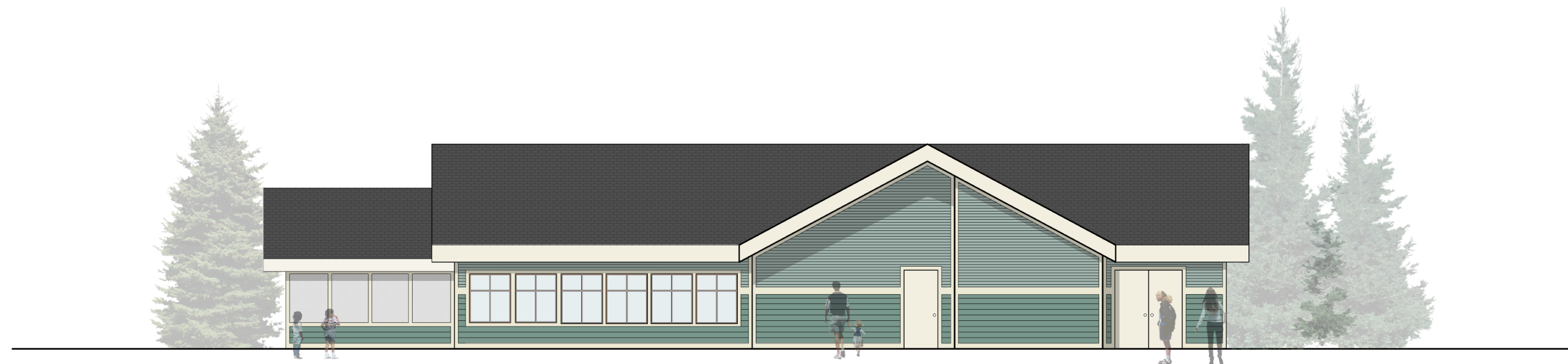
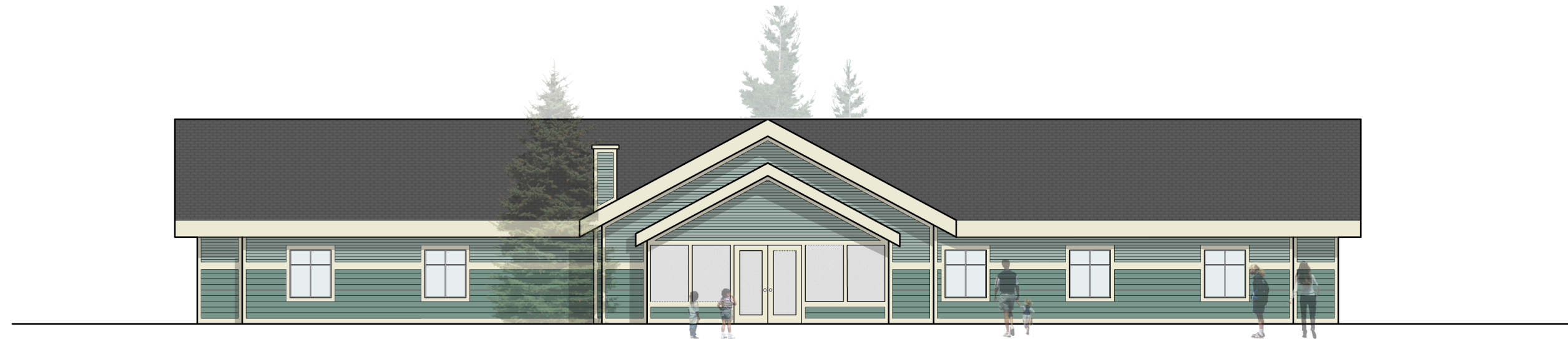




*Girl Scouting builds girls of courage,
confidence, and character, who make
the world a better place.*



Today, there are 3.3 million Girl Scouts - 2.4 million girl members and 928,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.



In Alaska there are 6,160 Girl Scouts and 1,500 volunteers.

Estimated Project Costs	One - Story Building 5,180 SF
Building Construction Cost Cost Per Square Foot	\$1,352,548 \$261
Site Costs Septic System and Well Electrical and Gas Connections Site Lighting	\$272,443
Owner "Soft Costs" Site Master Planning Design Fees, including Construction Administration Geotechnical Investigation Boundary & Topo Survey Construction Permit Fees Furniture, Fixture and Equipment Computer Network and Phone System	\$320,371
Owner Project Costs Owner Project Administration, internal staff (3%) Owner Project Contingency (10%)	\$252,897
Total Project Cost	\$2,198,259
Less Pro Bono/In-Kind Donations to Date:	(\$84,361)
CURRENT TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$2,113,898



Hello Mr. Stoltze,

We met when you came to tour the Mat-Su Youth Facility (MSYF). I am a Restorative Justice Trainer for the Division of Juvenile Justice and a Juvenile Justice Officer at MSYF. I live in Chugiak. I am writing to you because you are an advocate for victims rights and I believe you can do something for a crime victim that will benefit the whole community of Chugiak.

Restorative Justice is a philosophy that realizes the social impact of crime. If one person is a victim the ripple effect can impact all of us. When a community building is the subject of arson the whole community suffers. The case I am referring to is the lodge at Singing Hills Girl Scout Camp. This lodge burned to the ground and the arsonist has not been caught. The person or persons who perpetrated this crime didn't know the value of this building. Not the cost of the building but the true value of a community meeting place. A community comes together to eat, to celebrate, to learn and to bond. They also come together to grieve and to work. We were shocked to realize that this resource had been taken from us. We are saddened that this happened in our area but now we are ready to work to repair the harm that has been done to the community in general and specifically to the generations of Girl Scouts that will miss out on the benefits of Singing Hills Girl Scout camp if it is not rebuilt.

Maybe you were a Scout in your youth. I'm sure you know someone who has been a Scout. In my profession I am constantly running into people who have fond memories of the scouting experience. Where else can you, as a child, take a knife into the woods, practice first aid and end up carrying your fellow camper out on a stretcher you made from two branches and three wind breakers?

I'm sure you know some Girl Scouts who are near and dear to you. I am a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts as is a friend of mine Gretchen. My daughters Gillian and Morgan were in the same troop as Breanna when they were little. Now, the next generation of little girls is growing up and they will need a place in Chugiak. Not fifty miles away in someone else's community. A place that is close enough so access is not a burden for parents who are struggling to provide affordable activities for their girls. A place in our backyard that is still remote enough to provide a wilderness experience. Finally, a place large enough to accommodate either a troop of 20 girls and their leaders or the whole service unit. Last year over 300 parents and their Girl Scouts attended a ceremony at the Peter's Creek park. Luckily, the weather was nice enough to hold this event outdoors. It is our dream to have a place for large gatherings that would not be contingent on the weather. A place similar to some of the buildings the Boy Scouts have at Camp Gorsuch. Meeting rooms with kitchen facilities are not too much to ask for a growing community like ours.

The Girl Scout Council would like to have a resource not just for the girls but for all of Eagle River and the Chugiak area. A sizable lodge at Singing Hills could be used for team building

events for our local businesses as well as a Girl Scout meeting hall. I am sure you can be an effective advocate for this cause. I look forward to hearing from you about this proposal. And, as you know, the Girl Scouts are such an asset to our community we can't afford to ignore their occasional need.

Thank you for your support,

Lori Fuller

February 11, 2010

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 421
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough:

I am writing to you as a Girl Scouts Service Unit Manager for Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base, an assistant troop leader in Eagle River, and mother of two brownie girl scouts. I support the recent request by Girl Scouts for a designated legislative grant, to rebuild the Singing Hills Camp that recently was destroyed.

I believe that the cabin at Singing Hills has been an important part of Girls Scouting in Alaska as it facilitates year round activities and outdoor exploration. Without this cabin, girls locally have no camp facilities to support their activities. I believe this is an important part of the outdoor Alaska experience. Having this facility offers protection for young girls during camping and facilitates a variety of instruction on subjects to include respect for the environment and wildlife, outdoor exploration, basic camping skills, and outdoor survival to name a few. Many girls talk about camp experiences as a highlight of growing up. Girls walk away from these camps more confident and more mature.

Singing Hills is the premier opportunity for the military scouts to attend camp, primarily due to time constraints associated with traveling to other camps in the state. As a military wife who is new to "The Last Frontier" it can be intimidating to attempt any type of outdoor activity for most of the year in Alaska. This camp provides the ability not just for me but, for all my military spouses which are also troop leaders, to take troops camping and remain close to the base for quick response.

Girl scouting is volunteer run and not-for-profit and I am a part of girls scouts not because I was a girl scout, but because I believe girl scouts helps to develop positive character in young women and provides a very positive environment for them to learn and explore.

I hope that this request is seriously considered as I know rebuilding this Girl Scouts facility would provide a real positive experience in the lives of many young women in the Anchorage area.

Sincerely,



Sarah Richmond
Girl Scout Manager- Fort Richardson & Elmendorf Air Force Base

February 12, 2010

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 515
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough:

I am writing to you in support of the request by Girl Scouts of Alaska for a designated legislative grant to rebuild our cabin at Singing Hills. I am a leader in Eagle River and having a facility with running water, a full kitchen, and the capacity for a group of 20-30 girls and adults to spend the night would be a well-used facility. I have great memories of my time at Singing Hills and I am excited that Girl Scouts of Alaska is making plans for the long-term needs and growth of our area.

Many of the girls and volunteers who live in this area do not have a background in outdoor skills and most have never been camping in the winter. Outdoor activities and appreciation for our wilderness are both long-held Girl Scouting traditions as well as part of our way of life in Alaska. A camp where girls can be introduced to these skills in a supportive environment is ideal and a much needed addition to recreational opportunities in this area. A well planned building and site plan will allow for girls who might otherwise not experience a wilderness setting; those who are new to Alaska and those who experience medical or physical restrictions that can limit their opportunities.

Camp is an ideal place to talk to our girls about important topics like making good choices, planning for the future and living a healthy lifestyle. When so many activities and distractions compete for their attention, camp is a place where we can really connect together and offer girls the chance to talk openly in a supportive atmosphere. Having a place for girls to gather right in our own back yard would allow us to do this more frequently and with less energy spent on transportation and logistics.

Singing Hills is also in an ideal location for girls to gather and share outdoor experiences. Local girls can plan events and workshops that can be easily attended by troops from the Eagle River-Chugiak area, Mat-Su Valley, and Anchorage. We also think that it would be great to have a place to host gatherings in a place that girls from across our council could attend and share their own varied experiences.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Haven Rupp

Cynthia Juettner
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February 11, 2010

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 421
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Grant for funding to rebuild cabin at Camp Singing Hills

Dear Representative Fairclough:

I am writing to you in support of the request by Girl Scouts of Alaska for a designated legislative grant to rebuild the Girl Scout cabin at Singing Hills. I have lived in the Eagle River area for 28 years and was a Girl Scout myself for many years while attending elementary school. I moved to Chugiak when I was eight. I have great memories of attending day camp at Singing Hills during summers when I was a young girl. Although it's been decades since I was there, I can even sing you the Singing Hills camp song. I was so saddened to hear that the cabin had burned down. I believe that having a facility with running water, a full kitchen, and the capacity for a group of 20-30 girls and adults to spend the night would be a well-used. It's my understanding that the Girl Scouts in our area don't have anything like this available at this time

At Singing Hills I learned about many important life lessons such as being a good friend, learning about the outdoors, and being active. My daughter will be joining Girl Scouts next year as a Daisy, and I would love for her to have the opportunity to experience Singing Hills and learn about all things that a camp like it has to offer.

I hope you will consider a grant to Girl Scouts of Alaska to not only rebuild the Singing Hills cabin, but to make it even better than it was before, for a new generation of young women to enjoy.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Cynthia Juettner

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February 11, 2010

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 515
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough:

I am writing to you in support of the request by Girl Scouts of Alaska for a designated legislative grant to rebuild our cabin at Singing Hills. I have been a Girl Scout leader in Eagle River for four years since moving to Alaska. In total I have been a Girl Scout for 20 years: 8 years as a girl and 12 years as a leader. Being a part of this fine organization has given me skills and memories to last a lifetime, and many of those memories were made at camp. To have a facility in Eagle River with running water, a full kitchen, and the capacity for a group of 20-30 girls and adults to spend the night would be a well-used facility. My current troop has 17 fourth grade girls, one high school senior who acts as an aid, myself, and my co-leaders. We are a very active and thriving troop. I am excited that Girl Scouts of Alaska is making plans for the long-term needs and growth of our area.

In spite of the fact that we live in such an amazing place, many of the girls and volunteers who live in this area do not have a background in outdoor skills and most have never been camping in the winter. Outdoor activities and appreciation for our wilderness are both long-held Girl Scouting traditions as well as part of our way of life in Alaska. A camp where girls can be introduced to these skills in a supportive environment is ideal. In addition, a well planned building and site plan will allow for girls who might otherwise not experience a wilderness setting: those who are new to Alaska and those who experience medical or physical restrictions that can limit their opportunities.

Currently our troop travels almost an hour to Camp Togowoods on the outskirts of Wasilla. Because of the distance, the size of our troop, and our need to rely on parents to drive, we are only able to make this trip once a year. The weekend we spend away is the highlight of the year for the girls. We make the most of the outdoors—hiking, learning to build fires, snoeshoeing, sledding, and more depending on the time of year we go. But we also love the large lodge which accommodates our size troop well and provides a safe haven from the cold (and animals) outside. In truth, we also love the electricity and kitchen provided. These make the experience easier for all of us while escape from the trappings of today's busy world.

Our girls use their time at camp to learn about themselves, each other, the true meaning of friendship, how to deal with differences, and how to celebrate life. "Electronics" such as Game Boys and Ipods are not allowed, but books are encouraged. Having a place right in our own back yard would make logistics of these troop trips so much easier and, ideally, more frequent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Debra L. M. Gilley
Troop 929, Eagle River

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February 11, 2010

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 515
Juneau AK, 99801

Representative Bill Stoltze
State Capitol Room 515
Juneau AK, 99801

To: Honorable Representatives Fairclough and Stoltze,

I am a Girl Scout leader in Eagle River and am writing to urge you to support the request by Girl Scouts of Alaska for a designated legislative grant to help rebuild our cabin at Singing Hills Girl Scout Camp near Mirror Lake. Please consider the following points when deliberating this request.

As you may be aware, the existing facility was damaged by arson and is in need of complete rehabilitation. Even before the fire, Singing Hills had been sadly inadequate to meet the needs of area girls, with one cabin, an outhouse and no sanitary kitchen facility or running water on site.

I am excited that Girl Scouts of Alaska is planning for the long-term needs of area girls as well as future population growth in the South Central region. Their plan for a full kitchen with the capacity for a group of 20-30 Girl Scouts and adult leaders to spend the night is a positive step toward improving the facility.

This camp facility benefits not just Girl Scouts, but the community as a whole. Singing Hills Camp is an ideal place to talk to our girls about important topics like making good choices, planning for the future and living a healthy lifestyle. With so many other activities and distractions competing for their attention, camp is a place where we can really connect with and offer our girls the chance to talk openly in a supportive atmosphere. Additionally, a well planned building and site plan will allow access for girls who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience a wilderness setting, i.e.; those who experience medical or physical restrictions that can limit their exposure to the outdoors.

Outdoor activities and the appreciation for our wilderness are both long-held Girl Scouting traditions as well as part of our way of life in Alaska. Scout camp is the ideal environment in which to introduce girls to these skills in a supportive setting and is a much needed addition to the recreational opportunities in this area. Many of the Girl Scouts and parent/volunteers served by this camp facility are new to Alaska, do not have a background in outdoor skills and many have not camped in the winter.

Singing Hills is uniquely situated to allow Girl Scouts in South Central Alaska to gather together and share outdoor experiences. Events and workshops held there can be easily attended by troops from the Eagle River-Chugiak area, Mat-Su Valley, and the rest of the Anchorage bowl. Having a place for girls to gather right in the middle of almost 50% of the state's population center allows us to use this facility more frequently and with less time and energy spent on transportation and logistics.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cathy Sammis-Gelston".

Cathy Sammis-Gelston

On behalf of the Girl Scouts of Troop 177, Girl Scouts of Alaska

February 11, 2010

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 515
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough:

This letter is in support of the Girls Scouts of Alaska request for a designated legislative grant to rebuild the cabin at Singing Hills. It was very disappointing to many of us to learn that a cherished retreat was destroyed. It does, however, provide a great opportunity to improve upon what it was that made Singing Hills a wonderful get-away for our girl scouts. A larger facility with a complete kitchen/indoor restroom facilities would be ideal for year-round use. Being able to plan a fun excursion, at any time of the year, without the worries of hauling water or restroom access would enable our troop leaders to bring the girls together for more wilderness experiences. So many of our girl scouts would love the opportunity to enjoy Alaska and learn outdoor skills through every season. Having a well planned site at Singing Hills would make this very convenient for all troops in and around the Anchorage area, including Elmendorf /Fort Richardson, Eagle River & Chugiak.

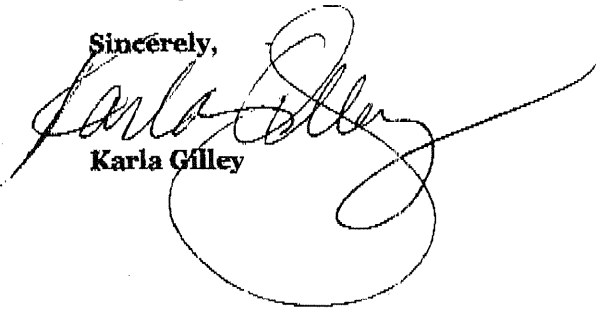
I have lived in Alaska most of my life and as a young girl, I was a member of the Girl Scouts Susitna Council. I grew up on Elmendorf AFB and had the opportunity to attend Girl Scout camp there. I now have a daughter of my own who is currently a Brownie here in Eagle River. One of our big activities last year, was a camp-out at the Singing Hills facility. All the girls in the troop enjoyed themselves tremendously. I was a chaperone and I have to say I also had a great time. The cabin was a bit cramped for sleeping and there was no running water or plumbing of any kind. Being the Alaskan girl scouts that we are, we all made the best of it and we were really happy we had a warm, dry place available to us for an overnight retreat.

The best part of camp is uninterrupted time with friends surrounded by the beauty of the Alaskan wilderness. Our lives are so busy and electronic, I believe it's vital to have time away from hectic schedules, TV and video games where girls can spend time together without distractions, building friendships, confidence and self esteem. Camp is a great way to give young girls a supportive setting to discuss issues important to them and their future, as well as, just being themselves and having fun.

I would love for my daughter to have a place to go with her troop to learn about her home state and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Karla Gilley

February 11, 2010

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Room 421
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough:

I am writing to you in support of the request by Girl Scouts of Alaska for a designated legislative grant to rebuild our cabin at Singing Hills. I have been a leader in the Eagle River/Chugiak area for 10 years. It would be wonderful to have a facility with running water, a full kitchen, and the capacity for a group of 20-30 girls and adults to spend the night. I have great memories of my time at Singing Hills and I am excited that Girl Scouts of Alaska is thinking ahead and making plans for a facility that will be available to all the girls that we serve with Girl Scouts!

Many of the girls I have worked with do not have a background in outdoor skills and many have never been camping in the winter. Outdoor activities and appreciation for our wilderness are both long-held Girl Scouting traditions as well as part of our way of life in Alaska. A camp where girls can be introduced to these skills in a supportive environment is ideal and a much-needed addition to recreational opportunities in this area. A well planned building and site plan will allow for girls who might otherwise not experience a wilderness setting: those who are new to Alaska and those who experience medical or physical restrictions that can limit their opportunities.

Our troop used the old Singing Hills facilities for overnight trips, weekend skills training experiences and summer day camp. Camp is an ideal place to talk to our girls about important topics like making good choices, planning for the future and living a healthy lifestyle. When so many activities and distractions compete for their attention, camp is a place where we can really connect together and offer girls the chance to talk openly in a supportive atmosphere. Our favorite activity at Singing Hills is a "kick off" weekend in the fall to plan for the upcoming scout year and bond over campfires, hiking through the woods and around the lake and giggling while making s'mores.

Singing Hills Camp is a place for memories to be made and shared! With the Alaska weather, it was so wonderful to have a camping location that had a building to use in the winter. The old cabin was small and limited how many girls we could accommodate at a time. Also it was hard to heat and stay warm in during the coldest winter nights. A larger facility with a better heating system (a better wood stove), water on site and latrines would make a huge difference to the quality of the service we can provide girls and young women.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Caty Justis".

Caty Justis
Girl Scout Leader, Troop 192



Inspiring girls to lead in...

- Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
- Kodiak
- Aleutian Chain
- Pribilof Islands
- Prince William Sound
- Copper Valley
- Anchorage Bowl
- Bristol Bay
- Southeast Alaska
- Matanuska-Susitna Valley
- Kenai Peninsula



Over **6,000** girl members
Over **11%** of all girls in the council territory
37% live off the road system
1,500 adult volunteers

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Communities Served

Akiak	Kwigillingok
Alakanuk	Manokotak
Anchor Point	Marshall
Anchorage	McGrath
Aniak	Metlakatla
Angoon	Moose Pass
Bethel	Mountain Village
Big Lake	Napakiaik
Chefornak	Newhalen
Chevak	Newtok
Chuathbaluk	New Stuyahok
Chugiak	Nikiski
Clark's Point	Nondalton
Cordova	Nunapitchuk
Coffman Cove	Palmer
Craig	Petersburg
Dillingham	Pilot Station
Eagle River	Quinhagak
Elmer	Russian Mission
Emmonak	Sand Point
Ft. Richardson	Saxman
Girdwood	Scammon Bay
Glennallen	Seward
Goodnews Bay	Sitka
Gustavus	Skagway
Homer	Soldotna
Hoonah	St. Mary's
Hooper Bay	Sterling
Houston	Sutton
Iliamna	Talkeetna
Juneau	Thorne Bay
Kake	Togiak
Kalskag	Toksook Bay
Kasigluk	Tuntutuliak
Kasilof	Tununak
Kenai	Unalaska
Ketchikan	Valdez
Klawock	Ward Cove
Kodiak	Wasilla
Kongiganak	Willow
Kotlik	Wrangell
Kwethluk	Yakutat



Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



STEM Programs

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

- Women of Science & Technology Day
Bethel, Sitka, Dillingham, Juneau
Kodiak, Soldotna, Ketchikan, Anchorage,
Mat-Su
- Galileo Scopes, Astronomy
- All-Girl Lego Robotics Teams

Camp Programs

Camp Togowoods in the
Mat-Su Valley

Camp Featherwinds in
Southeast Alaska

Camp Kenai Lake

Day camps in over 30
communities in
Southeast, Bristol Bay,
Southcentral and
the YK Delta

Encampment is a
biennial statewide
event at the Palmer
Fairgrounds

